

WEATHER.
Cloudy, probably snow late tonight and tomorrow; rising temperature to-night; lowest about 26 degrees.
Temperature for twenty-four hours ended at 2 p.m. today—Highest, 28, at 4 p.m. yesterday; lowest, 21, at 7 a.m. today. Full report on page 2.

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MEXICAN BANDITS KILLED FORMER U. S. CONSUL AT AGE 88
Augustus Morrill Victim of Attack Near His Home at Colima.

Augustus Morrill, formerly American consul at Manzanillo, Mexico, was killed by Mexican bandits February 26.

Mr. Morrill was eighty-eight years old and retired from the consular service in 1911.

The present consul at Manzanillo reporting the killing to the State Department said Morrill was attacked while on his way to the Hacienda El Balcon, three miles from Colima, where he lived, and a full load of pistol shots received two wounds.

The American embassy at Mexico City has been instructed to make urgent representations to the Mexican government looking to the arrest and punishment of the murderers and the American consulate at Manzanillo has been instructed to make similar representations to the local Mexican authorities.

Mr. Morrill's widow, who is eighty years old, lives at Colima. He also is survived by several children, who live in San Francisco, Oakland, San Rafael, Calif. He was appointed vice consul of the United States at Manzanillo in January 1910, and made consul at the same place on August 5, 1912.

Harry Hogarty, an American citizen, who was reported kidnapped by Mexican bandits on February 23, returned to his home and was on February 24, the U. S. Department was advised by the American consul at Torreon. He is superintendent of the American Metal Company smelter at Mapimi.

SENATORS APPOINTED FOR SCHOOL INQUIRY

A special committee of the Senate to investigate the public school system of the District of Columbia was appointed today by Senator Cummins of Iowa, president pro tem of the Senate, in the absence of the Vice President.

The committee consists of Senator Sherman of Illinois, chairman, Senator Dillingham of Vermont and Senator Capper of Kansas, republicans, and Senator Harrison of Mississippi and Senator Henderson of Nevada, democrats.

The investigation, which will be made under the Harrison resolution recently adopted by the Senate, is to begin next week. It will be broad in scope, as the resolution does not limit the committee in any way in its probe of the public schools.

Senator Sherman is chairman of the Senate District Committee, and Senators Dillingham and Capper also are members of the District committee.

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LEGISLATION NEEDED TO REPEAL BY WASHINGTON

Repeal of Law of 1909 and Cure for Surplus District Revenues.

BY THEODORE W. NOYES.

[Editorial Correspondence of The Star.]
The Jones bill, proposed as a substitute for the Mages bill, and printed in yesterday's Star, puts in concrete shape legislative proposals which the Board of Trade, voicing the petition of all Washington, has for several years been urging.

The immediate legislation urgently needed by Washington was disclosed in the hearings before the joint fiscal committee in 1915 and again in the recent hearings before the House District committee.

(1) The law absolutely limiting the Commissioners' annual estimates should be quickly repealed. It prohibits the statement by the Commissioners of the actual needs of the District, and the satisfaction by Congress of the actual needs of the District.

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RAIL OFFICE FORCE GETS U. S. CHECKS FOR THE LAST TIME

Scores Released on Eve of Projective Return of Roads.

President Wilson had the railroad bill before him today and was expected to sign it with this practice.

The measure was returned to the White House last night by Director General Hines, to whom it had been referred yesterday for an opinion.

Scores of employees of the central office of the United States Railroad Administration, received their pay checks from the administration for the last time today.

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NOT A CANDIDATE, WRITES MR. BRYAN

Says He Does Not Foresee Any Condition Requiring It to Be Considered.

WASHINGTON, N. C., February 28 (by the Associated Press).—"I am not a candidate, do not desire the nomination and do not foresee any condition that will make it necessary for me to consider the question," is the statement of William J. Bryan regarding the democratic nomination for the presidency, contained in a letter from Miami, Fla., to the Washington Daily News and published here today.

The twenty-three playgrounds of the city will open Monday, Mrs. Rhoads Rhodes, supervisor of the playground department, announced today.

There will be a director on each ground to watch over the children, but the department will be unable to furnish assistant directors until the end of the fiscal year.

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GENERAL STRIKE ON FRENCH RAIL LINES ORDERED

Breakdown in Labor or Complete Paralysis of National System Expected Today.

PARIS, February 28 (by the Associated Press).—Orders for a general railroad strike have been issued by the National Federation of Railroadmen. Reports were current last night that this action had been taken, but confirmation could not be obtained until late this afternoon.

Strike conditions throughout France were considered near a crisis this morning, as a spreading hour of gloom and paralysis of the nation's system would ensue during the day.

Operating conditions on the Paris, Lyon and Mediterranean line and other roads affected by the walkout of employees seemed to be slightly improved last night.

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ADRIATIC COURSE DEBATED IN SENATE

Attack of Mr. Kellogg Is Joined In by Foes of Treaty.

The President's course in the Adriatic matter was criticized today in the Senate during the first debate on the subject. Senator Kellogg, Minnesota, one of the treaty reservationists, who has been working for ratification of the treaty, took the lead in the attack, and he was joined by the treaty's irreconcilable foes.

Senator Kellogg said the President without justification had "undertaken to dictate absolutely" an Adriatic settlement. He added that the development was "discouraging" to friends of the treaty.

Another new element was brought into the treaty debate by Senator Kellogg when he "congratulated" Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, the administration leader, and Senator Harrah, republican, Idaho, a leader of the irreconcilables, on their new alliance to defeat the treaty.

The treaty debate began some time before had been in consultation on the Senate floor, and Senator Kellogg, referring to reports that they were working together to prevent ratification with the republican reservationists, declared that he was of long time that it is the purpose of the senator from Nebraska to defeat the treaty.

Mr. Kellogg's reply, charged that Senator Kellogg had "joined in the conspiracy" to which the foreign relations committee with senators pledged to defeat the treaty.

Administration senators recently inquired of irreconcilable republicans how far they will go in making the treaty a party to the campaign. If they could be assured that a sizable group of republicans would break away from this party, the issue for the treaty with the Lodge reservationists would be greatly encouraged.

On the other hand, should the treaty be carried into the campaign and be accepted by the administration, then the democrats might hope for victory as in 1912, when the republicans were defeated.

Both sides in the treaty fight claimed greater strength today, as the result of informal conferences concerning acceptance of the treaty.

While the informal conferences have been in progress, the floor has continued without disposal of the domestic questions reservation, which still was the subject of discussion when the Senate convened today.

PRESIDENT TO SEND REPLY TO PREMIERS EARLY NEXT WEEK

Withdrawal of December Agreement Will Have Little Effect on Negotiations.

JUGOSLAVIA MUST NOT BE COERCED IN SETTLEMENT

Allied Statesmen Say Treaty of London Must Be Applied Unless There Is Voluntary Adjustment.

The British and French premiers' reply to President Wilson on the Adriatic question was read today by the President, and he is expected to send his reply early next week.

Officials were not disposed to discuss the latest note from London, but it was said that the withdrawal of the agreement of December 9 pending an attempt by Italy and Jugoslavia to reach a satisfactory agreement among themselves, as proposed by the premiers, could have a marked effect on the ultimate outcome of the negotiations.

The principle enunciated in that agreement will remain the same, and the government will continue to adhere to its original position that a settlement of the Adriatic question must be reached by the parties to the dispute, and not be forced on that country.

Publication of the previous exchanges between the British and French governments in its latest communication to the original position that unless the Adriatic settlement was made on a basis of equality, it would be a party, instead of the London pact, which this country has placed in a position where he "must take under serious consideration" the possibility of a settlement of the Adriatic question on a basis of equality.

It was noted that the summary of the premier's note as transmitted in the press dispatches that Great Britain and France had not agreed to a settlement of the Adriatic question, holding to its terms as a last resort should all efforts at voluntary agreement fail.

Under the premier's proposal, however, the terms of the treaty until another attempt had been made by the parties to the dispute, a settlement of the Adriatic question must be reached by the parties to the dispute, and not be forced on that country.

The premier's agreement with President Wilson's views with regard to the Adriatic question was received with satisfaction in Albanian quarters here. Constantine, king of the Albanians, had previously issued a statement declaring that the entire population of Albania was ready to move to the Adriatic coast, and that the proposed partition of Albania was a "disgrace" to the Albanian people.

CHATTERTON ASKS DOUBLE SENTENCE

Doctor Who Forged Checks Would Serve for Girl Given 16 Years.

Dr. George C. Chatterton, a former interne at a local hospital, was sentenced today by Justice Stafford to serve sixteen years in the penitentiary.

Chatterton was convicted on four counts of forging checks, which were passed on local merchants by Miss Adolphia Sharpe. While the couple were on bail Chatterton wrote from New York to friend Chatterton to join him in fleeing to Canada to jump their bail bonds.

Justice Stafford declared the case of the most contemptible that ever came under his observation.

The court sentenced Chatterton to the penitentiary for a term of sixteen years, and Miss Sharpe's sentence and let her go free.

Strong influence was brought to bear to secure the release of the doctor, but Justice Stafford was about to be married.

CONSIDER HIGH PRICES AND EXCHANGE PROBLEM

One Section of Supreme Council Goes Over Questions—Treaty Also Considered.

LONDON, February 28.—The important discussion on high prices and exchange, begun yesterday, were continued this morning, among those present were Premier Lloyd George, J. Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Auckland Geddes, minister of national revenue, and Sir George Buchanan, British ambassador in Paris.

The other section of the council, which met at the Foreign Office, considered the financial and economic aspects of the treaty.

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STRIKE BELIEVED AT END

15,000 Workers of Canal Zone Resume Work Pending Mediation.

PANAMA, February 28.—Indications early today were that the strike of approximately 15,000 maintenance workers in the Panama Canal Zone was over for the time being at least.

It was announced by British Minister Bennett that the leaders of the striking union members had accepted his offer to act as mediator between the men and Gov. Harding of the Canal Zone and the War Department in Washington and that the men had agreed to return to work at noon today.

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UP-TO-THE-MINUTE NEWS PICTURES

The reader of tomorrow's Star will find, in the Rotogravure Section, the latest news photographs—pictures taken within the past few days of big events.

For instance, there is a half-page photograph of the funeral of Rear Admiral Peary, held in Washington last Monday; and dozens of others.

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WILL MEET HERE NEXT YEAR

Educators Pick Washington for 1921 Convention.

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